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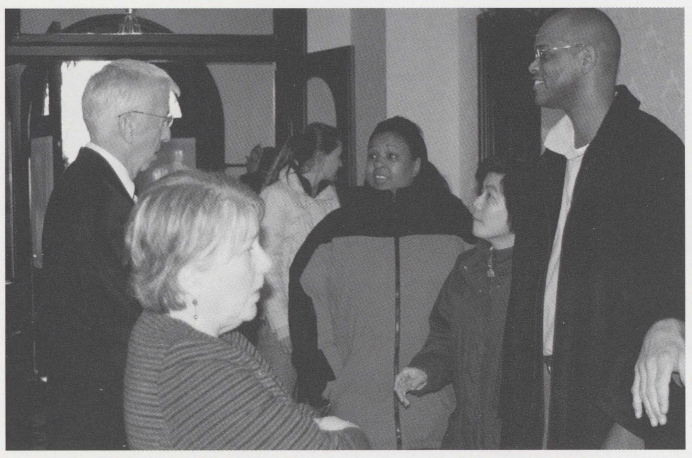
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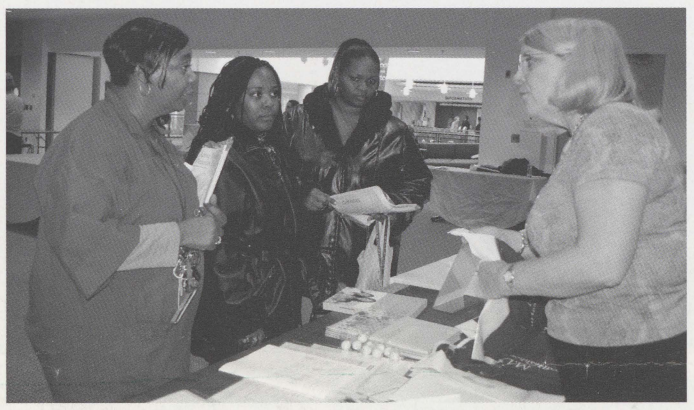
Gallaudet Fact—

Q. Only one animal has had the privilege of appearing in multiple Gallaudet class pictures. What is it, and what is the story behind it?

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President and Mrs. Jordan hosted their last Holiday Open House for faculty, staff, and teachers on December 8. The revelers pictured here being greeted by the Jordans are (from left) Vernetta Pegues-Ball, administrative secretary II; Chittasingh Chantrawan, clinical supervisor; and Brandon Caesar, registered nurse, of Student Health Services. On December 7, the Jordans hosted a similar open house for University students.



M.D.IPA plan representative Lynne Tessmer (right) discusses highlights of the health insurance provider's coverage with (from left) Sarah Evely-Cofield, Postal Services clerk, Vickie Whetstone, administrative secretary for the Admissions Office, and Tammy Kinsler, administrative secretary for the Education Department, at Gallaudet's Open Season Health Fair, held November 8. Gallaudet employees could choose among 11 health insurance plans; representatives from nine of the plans attended the fair. The annual event, sponsored by Human Resources Services, provides employees with an overview of health insurance premium rates for the coming year and the opportunity to receive new or updated information about the Federal Employees Health Benefits health insurance plans. For 2007, there is a new benefit plan called Federal Employees Dental and Vision Program. Open Season ran from November 13 to December 11; the health insurance change becomes effective January 8.

Dr. Robert R. Davila named interim president



"So I am home again!" This response by Dr. Robert R. Davila following the December 10 announcement that he had been named interim president was greeted by cheers from an audience of Gallaudet stakeholders who filled Elstad Auditorium for the much-anticipated decision on the University's new leader. Davila officially assumes his presidential duties on January 2.

Davila is certainly no stranger to Gallaudet. Not only is he an alumnus (Class of '53), he worked on campus from 1972 to 1989, holding progressively more responsible teaching and administrative positions: member of the University's Department of Education faculty, director of the Kendall School, acting dean of MSSD and, for 11 years, vice president of the University's Pre-College Programs (now the Clerc Center).

"I am honored to once again serve my alma mater," Davila said. "I am fortunate to possess the energy, drive, and dedication that will be required to lead our University over the coming months. I will seek to bring support and benefit to all constituent groups on campus and beyond."

"Today is about progress and the promise of future progress," said Board of Trustees Chair Pamela Holmes, who made the announcement that Davila had been chosen for the position. "Gallaudet is extremely fortunate to have Dr. Robert Davila as its interim president," said Holmes. "He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to Gallaudet at a time when the University faces many opportunities, as well as many challenges." She described Davila as "a man who brings to us a great wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm and a great love for Gallaudet."

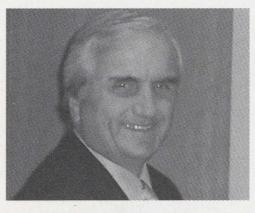
Holmes recognized the members of the Interim President Selection Advisory Committee (IPSAC) for their hard work and long hours, and gave special thanks to Chair Jane Dillehay. Holmes also explained the selection process for the position, saying that 26 individuals applied and five candidates were chosen for interviews with IPSAC, which in turn gave the Board of Trustees the names of three finalists, which included Dr. Stephen Weiner, an associate professor in the Department of Communication Studies, and Dr. William Marshall, chair of the Department of Administration and Supervision.

Davila holds a Ph.D. in educational technology from Syracuse University. He served from 1996 to 2004 as vice president for the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, one of seven colleges of the Rochester Institute of Technology. In 1989 he began a four-year appointment as assistant secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services in the Department of Education, where he was the federal government's chief advisor on federal policy affecting the education and vocational rehabilitation of the nation's 40 million people with disabilities.

Davila said that two factors lead to his decision to apply for the interim president's position: the education he received at Gallaudet and the support of his wife, Donna.

"This is to me the happiest moment but, at the same time, a sad one," he said, pointing to the conflict that the University has experienced. He called on the campus community to work together for the common good of Gallaudet, saying, "We need to invest our time and energy in the best interests of where we are now." ■

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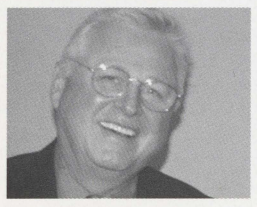
Bernard Brown was awarded a full scholarship to attend the Entrepreneurship Education FORUM in Arizona in early November.



Roving Reporter
Seung Hyun Kim has achieved his goal for 2006 of graduating from Gallaudet and securing a position with the ITS Department.



Lt. Virginia Fedor receives her degree in criminal justice from Old Dominion University.



Thomas Bull retires from Gallaudet Interpreting Service after 37 years of service to the University.

Introducing new trustees' leadership team: Chair Pamela Holmes and Vice Chair Frank Wu



Pamela Holmes is the director of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs for Ultratec, Inc. A 19-year employee of Ultratec, Holmes currently oversees the Customer Service Department serving 40 states for the product Captioned Telephone (CapTel), a new telephone technology created by Ultratec that allows people to receive word-for-word captions of their telephone conversations. In addition, Holmes oversees state and federal government regulatory activity related to communication access issues, submits public comments to government entities, drafts articles and presentations, oversees training, and serves as corporate liaison to federal government and community contacts.

Holmes served for nearly eight years on the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (U.S. Access Board) appointed by President Clinton. She served her last year on the U.S. Access Board as chair of the board (March 2001 to March 2002). She has also served on numerous boards at the state and national levels.

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FY '06 grant awards announced

Gallaudet's Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) officially closed Fiscal Year 2006, which ended on September 30, with 25 federal grants and pass through subgrants totaling $6,112,256. The receipt of these grants once again enabled Gallaudet to begin or continue many significant programs and projects that otherwise would not be possible.

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Professor Donald Smith of Old Dominion University presents Lt. Virginia Fedor, community relations officer in the Department of Public Safety (DPS), with her bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Fedor was not able to attend her graduation ceremonies in May at the Norfolk, Va. university because of restricted leave for DPS staff during that time, so Smith came to Gallaudet on October 26 to personally deliver the diploma. Smith, who teaches sociology and criminal justice, met Fedor for the first time that day after years of corresponding through online courses. Pictured are (from left): Fedor's mother, Elaine Fedor; father, Cyril Fedor; Lt. Fedor; and Smith. Meloyde Batten-Mickens, director of the Department of Public Safety, and other DPS staff were on hand to congratulate Fedor. While on campus, Fedor joined her visitors on a campus tour to learn more about Gallaudet. (Note: CNN.com reported on Fedor's online course experience. To read the story, go to edition.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/09/15/index.elearning.script/index.html)

Student Affairs Exposé

Gallaudet an ally of LGBT students

by Stephen James, Psy.D., Mental Health Center

Gallaudet is committed to providing support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered students (LGBT).

A highly visible showing of this support is the backing of the Rainbow Society, a student organization run by and for students who are members of a sexual orientation minority. Gallaudet further supports LGBT students through its Office of Multicultural Student Programs by helping students, faculty, and staff better understand the experiences of their LGBT peers. Gallaudet's support also is reflected in its campus-approved meetings of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), which aids individual allies in coming to terms with the identification of a loved one. The Mental Health Center also provides support through individual and couples counseling, workshops, and the Safe Zone Program.

The Safe Zone Program allows staff and faculty who are open and willing to help students with LGBT issues to be known to these students by displaying a Safe Zone sticker outside of their office. LGBT students face all of the hardships that their heterosexual counterparts do, with the additional complications of overt and covert oppression based on sexual orientation. LGBT students often do not know to whom they can turn when they are in need. Safe Zone addresses this problem by providing training about LGBT issues for University faculty and staff and by distributing to participants stickers that bear the mark of the pink triangle, a symbol of the gay community since the 1970s. This greatly widens the network of support to students who not only face the usual challenges of transitioning into adulthood, but also must cope with the struggles of identifying sexual orientation and discrimination.

University-wide support is tremendously important because schools can be one of the most threatening environments for LGBT people. Research suggests that 69 percent of LGBT students have reported verbal and physical harassments in school settings. Four out of 10 who are bullied for revealing their sexual identity have attempted suicide or harmed themselves. Lesbian, gay, and bisexual adolescents are at a higher risk of suicide, substance abuse, depression, and dropping out of school. These staggering numbers are one of the main reasons that colleges across the nation have established support for LGBT students.

Anyone at Gallaudet can join the University in its support of LGBT students by participating in the Safe Zone program and displaying the sticker. For more information, contact Dr. Stephen James at the Mental Health Center. ▣



Thomas Bull (left), interpreter III for Gallaudet Interpreting Service (GIS), who recently retired after 37 years of service to the University, is recognized by GIS Director Deborah Van Cleve and Administration and Finance (A and F) Vice President Paul Kelly at A and F's 2006 Service Awards Luncheon, held November 17 in the Kellogg Conference Hotel. A total of 42 employees in the division were honored for reaching employment milestones ranging from five to 30 years in 2006, and six employees who retired during the year were recognized.

New trustee's leadership team

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Holmes has a bachelor's degree in English from Gallaudet ('74), and a master's of science degree in deaf education from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville ('76). Prior to joining Ultratec in 1987, Holmes taught middle and high school students for 11 years in Georgia at the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, and for public schools in Madison, Wisc.



In 2004, **Frank H. Wu** became the ninth dean of Wayne State University Law School in his hometown of Detroit, Mich. From 1995 to 2004 he served on the law faculty of Howard University, including two years as clinic director.

Wu is the author of *Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White,* and co-author of *Race, Rights and Reparation: Law and the Japanese American Internment.*

Wu taught at Deep Springs College, a highly-selective, full-scholarship, all-male school set on a student-run cattle ranch in California near Death Valley. He was appointed by the D.C. Court of Appeals to its Board of Professional Responsibility, which adjudicates attorney discipline matters. Wu was also appointed by Mayor Anthony Williams as chair of the Washington, D.C. Human Rights Commission for 2001 to 2002, and was named by *Black Issues in Higher Education* (now called *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*) as one of the nation's top 20 scholars.

After obtaining a bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., Wu earned a J.D. from the University of Michigan. He then held a clerkship with the late U.S. District Judge Frank J. Battisti in Cleveland, Ohio, later joining the San Francisco, Calif. law firm of Morrison & Foerster.

Since his appointment to the board in 2000, Wu has taken various sign language courses, including some at Gallaudet. He currently studies with a private ASL tutor in Michigan. ▣



Bernard Brown (left), an assistant professor in the Department of Business, was awarded a full scholarship to attend the 24th Annual Entrepreneurship Education FORUM held in Phoenix, Ariz. November 3 to 7. The scholarship was awarded for leadership and creativity in bringing entrepreneurship education to schools. Dr. Michael Ashmore, special projects coordinator, Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education, presented Brown a plaque recognizing outstanding leadership in the field of business creativity and entrepreneurship. The consortium is a national membership association of 85 organizations that advocates entrepreneurship education as a lifelong learning process and provides programs for youth and adults.

Gallaudet Fact—



A. The animal is an iron dog, a statuette of one of Kendall Green's most beloved pets. According to a 1961 article in *The Silent Worker*, an article by Dr. Powrie Doctor, and a past issue of *On the Green*, it all started with a dog belonging to John B. Wight, the business manager during Edward Miner Gallaudet's presidency. Diamond was a black and brown terrier that was very friendly and loved to play with the students. When their community pet passed away in 1888, the students were heartbroken.

Wight spotted a statuette in an H Street pawn shop that looked exactly like Diamond. He bought it and introduced it to the students. They enjoyed their new "pet," and it initially guarded the front of the original Fowler Hall and Chapel Hall, then made its way to the President's Office—at its various locations—where it still sits today.

For years, students included Diamond in their class pictures and included the memorial statuette in class reunions.

Diamond is not merely the only animal to appear in Gallaudet class pictures, it is also the only one that has had access to all the meetings in the President's Office over the years. And like a faithful pet, he has kept the goings-on to himself.

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Roving Reporter

The end of the year is approaching. Looking back, what is one New Year's resolution from 2006 that you kept or one accomplishment in your life this year?



My son became a year old!

Shannon Augustine, eLearning facilitator, Academic Technology



I did not keep any of my resolutions from this year, but I did have an accomplishment—I graduated summa cum laude with my second B.A. degree.

Mary Cregan, graduate student



I made a resolution to graduate and start working at ITS [Information Technology Services] full time, and I made it!

Seung Hyun Kim, IT technician, ITS

Among Ourselves

Dr. Martha Sheridan, an associate professor in the Department of Social Work, was the keynote speaker October 17 for an annual recognition breakfast acknowledging October as National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month. The event was hosted by the Prince George's County (Md.) Department of Family Services, Mental Health and Disabilities Administration.

Jennifer Reesman, a third-year student in Gallaudet's clinical psychology program, was profiled in the November 2006 issue of *gradPSYCH* magazine. The article can be found at gradpsych.apags.org/nov06/experience.html.

Campus Calendar

January 2007

10-12—New Student Orientation

16—Spring semester begins



Gallaudet's World Deaf Leadership (WDL) Scholars Kaneng Kwandi (Nigeria) and Rian Gayle (Jamaica) gave presentations to the campus community November 16 on their internship work to improve the lives of deaf people in their home country, and outlined their future goals. The event also served as an opportunity to introduce the 2006 WDL Scholar, Fernando Ayala (Chile). Pictured in the I. King Jordan Student Academic Center Multipurpose Room are (from left): CLAST Center for Academic Programs and Student Services Associate Dean Eileen Matthews, who oversees the program, Kwandi, Ayala, Dr. Simon Guteng, an associate professor in the Department of Education and Kwandi's advisor, and Catherine Sweet-Windham, executive director of Institutional Advancement, which oversees the scholarship fund. The WDL program, which was established in 1997 through a generous $3 million gift from the Nippon Foundation of Tokyo, Japan was restructured in 2003 to provide deaf and hard of hearing students from developing nations with financial assistance at Gallaudet for full tuition, room, board, and, if applicable, the cost of participating in up to two internships related to achieving a degree or a certificate from the University. (Not pictured are Gayle and his mentor, Dr. Isaac Agboola, chair of the Department of Business, and Ayala's mentor, Dr. Donalda Ammons, a professor in the Department of Foreign Languages, Literature, and Cultures.)

Mark your calendar for the Clerc Classic VII

The MSSD Athletics Department is pleased to announce that The National Deaf Prep Basketball Tournament and Cheerleading Competition, also known as the Clerc Classic VII, will take place January 11 to 13.

This exciting event will draw girls' and boys' basketball teams and cheerleading squads from the Alabama School for the Deaf, American School for the Deaf, California School for the Deaf–Fremont, California School for the Deaf–Riverside, Indiana School for the Deaf, Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf, Maryland School for the Deaf, Texas School for the Deaf, and MSSD. In the past, this tournament has attracted over a thousand fans.

Special Early Bird Combo and MSSD Booster Club member ticket deals are available. For more information about this event, go to clercclassicvii.gallaudet.edu or contact Anna Hall, MSSD logistic/sports information assistant at anna.hall@gallaudet.edu.

Going, Going, Gone

FOR RENT: 2-BR English basement apt. in grand mansion on Capitol Hill, W/D, lots of windows, everything new as of 2003; gas, water, sewer inc., tenant pays elec., phone, cable; cats ok; $1,700/mo. Email robert@dcbenjer.com.

FOR RENT: Renovated house on Metro Red Line, 2509 10th Street NE at Rhode Island Ave., 6-BR, 3-BA, 2 kitchens, CAC, hardwood floors, wireless broadband throughout, furnished living room with hi-def cable on new Samsung LCD TV, sunroom, deck, ADT security, off-street parking, $4,800/mo. Call Dan Mullin, (202) 285-9911, or email dmullin1001@gmail.com.

FOR RENT: Basement apt., near Gallaudet (Trinidad); $700/month plus deposit, inc. util., 1-BR, BA, sitting room, shared laundry, kitchen access, parking. Looking for courteous, responsible tenant, must be LGBT friendly, no pets, no smoking. Call Kenda, (202) 270-7607, or email kendakirby@aol.com.

FOR RENT: 1-BR apt., newly renovated, hardwood floors, 1121 Penn St. NE, very close to Gallaudet, $700/mo. plus util., one-half mo. security deposit. Call (202) 269-0375.

HOUSING NEEDED: Visiting professor from Wisconsin teaching in Linguistics Department for spring semester seeks short-term housing, proximity to public transportation preferred. Email Petra Brylow, eccarius@purdue.edu, or Deborah Pichler deborah.chen.pichler@gallaudet.edu.

Ask Aunt Sophie

Qualifications announced in search for Aunt Sophie replacement

The Committee for *On the Green* Searches (COGS) has announced the qualifications it seeks in an *On the Green* columnist to replace outgoing Adviser Extraordinaire Aunt Sophie.

In a memo conveniently posted in bathroom stalls and distributed to the line of coffee-seekers at the campus Starbucks, the committee outlined what it wants to see in the next bringer of wisdom.

"The next advice columnist for *On the Green* must be outgoing and inquisitive," the memo began, "as well as possess the ability to both offend and amuse simultaneously, have little to no concerns about how others will view him/her for giving ridiculous answers, and, above all, enjoy sequins."

Sequins?

"The sequin stipulation is key," said Catherine Sweet-Windham, executive director of Institutional Advancement and convener of COGS. "Though no one ever saw Aunt Sophie, her sense of style was extremely important to her position. We need someone who will wear ostentatious gowns to Commencement exercises and suggest things like blinking rainbow lights on new traffic signs around campus. Bland or politically correct people need not apply."

COGS did not specify any academic degree requirements for candidates, and experience writing an advice column is not necessary.

Nominations may be sent to aunt.sophie@gallaudet.edu. Finalists will be contacted soon. ▣

FY '06 grant awards

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The OSP is charged with recording each officially awarded grant or contract. The office commends the following faculty and professional staff who have received official notification of their award for their hard work and dedication as it looks forward to another successful year:

- **Allen, Thomas—Office of the Dean (Graduate School and Professional Programs),** "Collaborative Research: Science of Learning Center: Visual Language and Visual Learning (VL2)," National Science Foundation, Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences, 10/01/06-09/30/07, $1,150,000
- **Arnos, Kathleen—Biology/Genetic Service Center,** "Genetic Deafness in the Alumni of Gallaudet University," National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, 03/01/06-02/28/07, $335,068
- **Arnos, Kathleen—Biology/Genetic Service Center,** "Potential Societal Impact of Advances in Genetic Deafness," Virginia Commonwealth University (National Institutes of Health), 09/01/05-08/31/06, $80,310
- **Bakke, Matthew—Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences,** "Interference in Hearing Aids From Digital Wireless Telephones: Improved Predictive Methods," Advanced Hearing Concepts (U.S. Department of Education), 11/01/05-10/31/06, $40,000
- **Bakke, Matthew—Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences,** "Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Hearing Enhancement," U.S. Department of Education, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, 10/01/06-09/30/07, $949,480
- **Betman, Beth—Social Work,** "The Training of Social Workers to Meet the Educational and Emotional Needs of Deaf Children in Schools," U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, 08/15/06-08/14/07, $536,196
- **Fitzgibbons, Peter—Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences,** "Auditory Temporal Processes, Speech Perception, and Aging," University of Maryland, College Park (National Institutes of Health), 03/15/05-01/31/06, $115,875
- **Harkins, Judith—Communication Studies,** "Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Telecommunication Access," University of Wisconsin-Madison (U.S. Department of Education), 10/01/05-09/30/06, $377,000
- **Jones, Thomas—Educational Foundations and Research,** "Agreement With Athena Business Associates, LLC," Athena Business Associates (National Genealogical Society), 11/01/06-10/31/07, $33,285
- **Kimmel, Karen—Office of the Dean (College of Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Technologies),** "Dwight D. Eisenhower Department of Transportation Project: A Partnership Between the U.S. Department of Transportation and Gallaudet University," U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, 09/01/06-09/01/07, $50,000
- **Lam, Fat—Mathematics and Computer Science,** "BPC-A Access Computing Alliance," University of Washington (National Science Foundation, Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering), 02/15/06-01/31/07, $59,622
- **LaSasso, Carol—Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences,** "A New Ph.D. Program to Prepare Future Faculty in Audiology With an Emphasis on Recruitment and Preparation of Individuals Who Are Deaf/Hard of Hearing and/or From Underrepresented Racial/Ethnic Groups," U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, 01/01/07-12/31/07, $187,032
- **LaSasso, Carol—Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences,** "Preparation of Clinical (Au.D.) Audiologists With a Pediatric-Educational Audiology Program Emphasis to Serve Culturally and Linguistically Diverse 0-21 Populations: Focusing on Recruitment of Individuals With Disabilities or From Underrepresented Racial/E," U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, 09/01/06-08/31/07, $242,693
- **LaSasso, Carol—Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences,** "Project SLP PrePARED: Preparation of Speech-Language Pathologists With a Pediatric Aural Rehabilitation Emphasis (PARE) to Work With Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Deaf/HH 0-21 Populations: Focusing on Recruitment of Individuals With Disabilities," U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, 09/01/06-08/31/07, $198,062
- **LaSasso, Carol—Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences,** "Project SLP PrePARED: Preparation of Speech-Language Pathologists With a Pediatric Aural Rehabilitation Emphasis (PARE) to Work With Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Deaf/HH 0-21 Populations: Focusing on Recruitment of Individuals With Disabilities," U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, 09/01/05-08/31/06, $199,174
- **Lewis, Jeffrey—Counseling,** "The Rehabilitation of Individuals Who Are Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing," U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, 09/01/06-08/31/07, $99,333
- **Lytle, Richard and Agboola, Isaac—Gallaudet Leadership Institute/Business,** "Increasing International Business Opportunities for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Americans," U.S. Department of Education, International Education Programs Service, 07/01/06-06/30/07, $95,841
- **Mitchell, Ross—Gallaudet Research Institute,** "Texas State Survey of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students," Texas Education Agency, 09/01/06-08/31/07, $67,896
- **Roy, Cynthia—Interpretation,** "Training of Interpreters for Individuals Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and Individuals Who Are Deaf-Blind," U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration, 10/01/06-09/30/07, $299,130
- **Roy, Cynthia—Interpretation,** "Training of Interpreters for Individuals Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and Individuals Who Are Deaf-Blind," U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration, 10/01/05-09/30/06, $293,504
- **Snyder, H. David—Chemistry and Physics,** "National Space Grant College Fellowship Program," American University (National Aeronautics and Space Administration), 05/01/05-11/30/06, $28,732
- **Sorensen, Charlene—Chemistry and Physics,** "ADVANCE Leadership Award," National Science Foundation, Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences, 08/15/07-09/30/08, $57,236
- **Vogler, Christian—Gallaudet Research Institute,** "Cross-Modal Investigation Into Properties of Prosody," National Science Foundation, Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences, 09/01/06-08/31/07, $88,600
- **White, Barbara—Social Work,** "UAB Framework Program for Global Health," University of Alabama (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Fogarty International Center), 09/21/05-07/31/06, $10,000
- **Zieziula, Frank—Counseling,** "A Master's of Arts Degree Program in School Counseling: Summers-Only Option," U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, 01/01/07-12/31/08, $168,187 ■

Clerc Center Happenings

Introducing Families Count!

By Mary Ellen Carew and Susan Flanigan

The Clerc Center is pleased to announce that Families Count!, an innovative family math kit, is now available. Families Count! introduces deaf and hard of hearing students and their family members to fun educational activities that can help them improve their math skills and understanding of math concepts using American Sign Language (ASL).

A typical Families Count! workshop session begins with a relaxing meal during which families socialize. After dinner, they watch a videotape demonstrating math concepts in ASL, divide into groups to play math games and activities, and finish with a math-related story read live or viewed on the videotape from the kit.

The idea for Families Count! originated with a book called *Family Math,* published by the EQUALS program at the Lawrence Hall of Science, University of California, Berkeley. Clerc Center math teacher Arsena Strange, now retired, adapted and expanded the program to meet the educational and communication needs of deaf and hard of hearing students, and set up Families Count! workshops for Clerc Center families. The Clerc Center then developed and produced a Families Count! kit to provide other schools and programs with the means to set up their own Families Count! workshops.

There are three different levels of activities in the program: K-2, grades 3-5, and grades 6-8. Each level corresponds to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Principles and Standards. After completing Families Count!, families will be able to:

- Use math-based activities to practice using numbers, number operations, geometry, time, fractions, and measurement
- Communicate with each other about math using appropriate ASL rules and practices
- Select age-appropriate books that promote math topics
- Apply their experience from the program in finding unique ways to reinforce math concepts in everyday activities.

The complete program includes:

Administrator kit

- CD-ROM with master files
- Administrator's handbook
- Orientation video for staff and volunteers
- Directions for all sessions, evaluation forms, and work sheets

Levels 1, 2, and 3

- Materials and manipulatives for session activities
- Take-home materials for each level
- Videotapes on communicating math concepts in ASL
- Videotapes of popular math-related storybooks signed by deaf adults

"Many people contributed to the development of this product," said Clerc Center Dean Katherine Jankowski. "We would like to thank the EQUALS program for their generosity in allowing us to use Family Math as a source of many of the activities in this kit. We received valuable feedback on the look and content of the kit from educators at 18 schools and programs around the country who pilot tested the support materials. Throughout the development of the project, teachers and staff from the Clerc Center and staff from Gallaudet University contributed their time and expertise, including math teacher-researchers Arsena Strange and Sandra Paradis, former Family Involvement coordinator Leslie Page, ASL training and evaluation coordinator Dennis Berrigan, and Gallaudet's multimedia reservations specialist Maria Petrova. We would also like to thank the publishers of selected children's storybooks (included in the kit) for allowing us to videotape the stories being read in ASL by deaf adults."

For more information about Families Count!, visit the Clerc Center website at clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/products/about-families-count.html. ■